AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(1) Please amend the paragraph from line 12 to 22 on page 4 of the application, as follows:

"An ISH is a hardware component that links business or residential user devices such as telephones and computers to the broadband, wide area network through a plurality of user interfaces and at least one network interface. A suitable ISH is described in co-pending U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/226,575 entitled "Multi-Services Communications Device," filed on January 7, 1999 (Sprint docket number 1246), **now U.S. Patent 6,272,553 issued August 7, 2001,** which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The network interface typically is a broadband network interface such as ADSL, T1, or HDSL-2. Examples of user interfaces include telephone interfaces such as plain old telephone system (POTS) ports for connecting telephones, fax machines, modems, and the like to the ISH; computer interfaces such as ethernet ports for connecting computers and local area networks to the ISH; and video ports such as RCA jacks for connecting video players, recorders, monitors, and the like to the ISH."

(2) Please amend the paragraph from line 17 on page 12 to line 2 on page 13 of the application, as follows:

"The power supply is plugged into a standard electrical outlet 87 and serves as the primary power source for the ISH. In the event of a power failure to the electrical outlet, the ISH operates under backup power provided by its battery pack and basic telephone services remain available to the customer for emergency calls. Given that the ISH requires power in order to provide basic telephone service, it is important to reduce power consumption, and thereby extend battery life as long as possible. A method and apparatus for polling telephony line status in an integrated services hub to reduce power

consumption is disclosed and claimed in co-pending U.S. Pat. App. No. ~~[not yet assigned]~~ 09/653,105 entitled "Method And Apparatus For Polling Telephony Line Status In An Integrated Services Hub To Reduce Power Consumption" (Sprint docket number 1497), filed August 31, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,512,817 issued January 28, 2003, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.